

Alabama Medicaid DUR Meeting March 24, 2004

Attendees: W. Thomas Geary, Roger Lander, Jefferson Underwood III, Margaret Thrower, Richard Freeman, Rob Colburn, Steven Rostand, Garry Magouirk, Kathy Porter, John Searcy, Louise Jones, Beverly Churchwell, Allyn Williford, Kelli Littlejohn, Steve Espy.

Members Absent: Johnny Brooklere, Frank Skinner, Jimmy Jackson.

Roger Lander brought the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Richard Freeman moved that the minutes of the December 3, 2003 DUR Board meeting be approved, Garry Magouirk seconded the motion, the motion carried.

DUR Update: Steve Espy reviewed the PA help desk reports for December 2003 and January 2004. He then reviewed the quarterly report for the 4th quarter for 2003 including the Program Summary, Cost Management Analysis and Drug Analysis. Top 15 drugs by Cost and Claims were reviewed for the dates 12/14/03-1/15/04. After discussion the Board asked HID to bring a synopsis of the top 6 drugs by claims for the last 6 months. The synopsis is to include a breakdown by LTC recipient and non LTC recipient and by age group and gender.

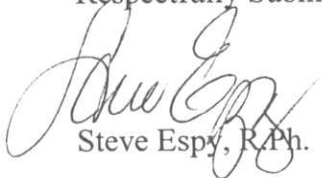
Intervention Activity: Steve Espy reviewed the 4th quarter intervention with a cycle date of 1/12/04. There were 446 profiles reviewed, 452 letters sent and 308 unique recipients were identified. The criteria used for this intervention was the JNC-7 Hypertension criteria voted by the DUR Board at the October 8, 2003 Board meeting. After discussion of new RDUR criteria the Board asked Steve to bring criteria that relates to diabetes to the next Board meeting, but to continue to use the hypertension criteria for the next cycle.

Academic Detailing: Lisa Stallings provided a review of the 1st quarter of Academic Detailing. She reviewed the total number of visits made by the Medicaid Pharmacy Specialists. She also presented a summary of the response by providers that had been visited. The review also included a summary of the first Academic Detailing CE Seminar in Montgomery in January 2004.

Medicaid Update: Louise Jones updated the Board on the implementation of classes to the PDL. Skeletal muscle relaxers, anxiolytics, sedatives & hypnotics, antihyperlipidemics, and the ADHD agents were implemented since the last Board meeting. The next class of drugs to be implemented is the antihypertensive class which will begin on April 1, 2004. She announced that on February 19, 2004 the therapeutic duplication override edit was put in place on the following classes: antihypertensives, antipsychotics and triptans. She told the Board that ePocrates will be updated monthly. She announced that effective March 19, 2004 all erectile dysfunction drugs max unit limit would be one tablet per month. Louise told the Board that the voluntary volume discount for the PDL would be updated quarterly. She announced that the Agency has proposed a script limit on the number of branded prescriptions per month with a maximum number of prescriptions per month for later this year.

The meeting date for the next DUR Board meeting was set for May 26, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

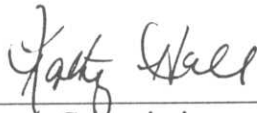

Steve Espy, R.Ph.



Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

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Medical Director

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